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16 November 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)  
SUBJECT : GUSTO Feasibility Study  
(Office of Security Support)

1. This is forwarded to record the completion of a major amount of Office of Security support to Development Projects Division operations. I recommend your endorsement of the attached letter to the Office of Security expressing our appreciation for the work briefly described therein.

2. You will recall our urgent need for clearances within the principal commercial firm engaged in the GUSTO feasibility study in Texas from December 1958 through August 1959. In response, the Office of Security and members of the Security Staff, DPD, surveyed the work to be done and immediately established a temporary office [redacted] From February to August 1959 it was manned on a temporary basis by eight professional and four clerical employees. They were not all on location at any one time. In addition, the Office of Security effectively used a commercial investigative force to supplement its efforts. This saved critical manpower. The schedule was timed to have seven hundred industrial employees cleared by mid 1959. I am pleased to note this was accomplished as planned. When the study was [redacted]

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3. In addition to the actual case production, the Security representatives enjoyed an excellent relationship with the supplier. Furthermore, the work was accomplished without a demonstration of unusual effort or Government interest.

4. We seldom have such a clear example of response to our sensitive needs. With this in mind, I recommend we use this opportunity to point out our appreciation for the

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continuous support furnished by the Office of Security.  
Examination of this disclosed that the Office of Security has  
supported our operations as follows: Given preferential handling

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large number of Special Employees. I suggest the attached  
letter be endorsed and forwarded to [REDACTED] and his  
Staff.

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**SIGNED**

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Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

CONCUR:

(sgd) Richard M. Bissell, Jr. 16 NOV 1959

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Deputy Director  
(Plans)

Attachment: Letter to #D/Sec.

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